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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Peter D. Harney

Serial No.: 09/220,398

Filed: December, 24 1998

For: *Methods and Kits for Preparing
Multicomponent Nucleic Acid Constructs*



Group Art Unit: 1655

Examiner: Jezia Riley

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 4, 2000, Applicants submit the following comments and proposed amendments in this request for reconsideration.

In the Claims

Please amend claim 1, 4, 11, 31 and 39-42 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method of linking nucleic acid components in a predetermined order to produce a

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